# Rapids

## Western Whitewater Association

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Have you been to a Western Whitewater meeting or run this year? If you have not you are missing an opportunity to meet great people and learn from those that have been on the river a long time. Please join us soon.

Do you have an idea for a run, meeting topic or other activity that we should know about. We would love to hear your ideas and feed back. Contact us.

## **Skills Day 2013**

The annual Skills Day Run of the Western Whitewater Association will be held on June 8. 2013 beginning at the Nyssa Oregon Bridge on the Snake River running down stream to the Ontario Oregon State Park and returning to Nyssa. The run is a flat water run. approximately 17 miles one way, following the river channels through some of the most productive farmland and waterfront wildlife habitat in the Treasure Valley. On this run we have spotted deer, turkeys, bald eagles. waterfowl, and even occasionally a John Deere. The run will begin at 10:00 AM, with demonstrations beginning at 9 AM. Preceding the run

will be a demonstration of the Columbia River Anchoring System for anchoring in swift current, a demonstration of knot tving and knots commonly used by boaters, a towing and quick release demonstration for towing of a disabled boat in current and a courtesy safety inspection of all boats. The demonstrations, along with practice of the anchor and towing, will begin at 9:00 AM so the run downstream can begin at 10 AM.

Following the run, we have reserved a room at the Tex-Mex restaurant in Nyssa for a no host lunch to be ordered from the menu. For the locals, the restaurant is well known

and for those who are not familiar, this is an authentic Mexican restaurant with excellent food for all tastes and plenty of boat parking for hungry jet boaters.

The run chair, Jed Myers, can be contacted by those wishing to camp overnight for locations in the Nyssa area that accommodate campers and boats or a bed and breakfast location. There are also locations available on the River for boat camping on a first come, first serve basis. The contact for Jed is 208-739-0480 (cell) and rimvers1@g.com for email contact. For logistics, there are boat launches on the Idaho side of the river and

#### June Membership Meeting

Join us Canyon Creek Restaurant & Lounge1411 Shilo Dr. Nampa, Idaho I-84 Exit 36 Topic to include:

- A recap of Skills day and lessons learned
- Growing our club and sport through Social Media
- · Chuck Ceccarelli presenting on issues with anchoring in moving water
- Bringing back our Western Whitewater store and apparel shop

Please contact Clyde Schrader with questions or comments

# **Presidents Message**

It has been a while since we have had a Rapids Newsletter. We are working the problem and I hope we will have a monthly letter out each month. Thanks to Chad Colton for volunteering to help.

The year has been going very well. We have had several events that have been great successes. The New Year's Day run went well, there were no hits that I can recall and after we were loaded back up we all enjoyed talking about the run and eating burgers and dogs.

The Chili run in February also went well. The weather was kind to us so we didn't have to hurry and had time to visit with friends and enjoy the chili. The chili was extra good this year which made it difficult to judge. Thanks to everyone who made the chili and to all who made the run. The rest of you missed out on some mighty fine chili. You might not want to miss next year because I have a feeling it will be as good.

The Glenn's Ferry run was well attended again this year. Chad Colton was the chair and did a great job. We had seventeen boats as I recall. We did have a problem that I would like to see fixed. We didn't have enough leaders for the number of boats. We have to work harder on that next year. I think we did have a hit or two so if you know of someone who kissed a rock, remember them when it comes time to submit names for the Silver Rock award. After the run we all had we had a great steak dinner. As I recall I cooked fifty five steaks. Sunday morning I cooked breakfast before everyone headed home.

The Jet Boat Races were next. Bob Hays guided me through the process of assembling a safety boat crew and coordinating with the race committee and the EMT's. It was a learning experience for me to see just how much time and energy goes into making sure that everything happens when it is supposed to. I met a lot of people that are involved with putting the race on and all the logistics that are involved. I will be looking forward to assisting with this endeavor again next year if my help is needed. I also would like to add some of my views on how it might make some things work smoother, especially for the Western Whitewater. I would like the whole board to get involved on this project.

Our next event is Skills Day. Jed Myers is working hard putting it together again this year and will be posting updates on the web site. The dates are June 8th & 9th.

Our next Board meeting is scheduled for July  $1^{St}$ . at 7:00 P.M. at the Canyon Creek restaurant and the next membership meeting will be on July  $8^{Th}$ . At the same place and time. I hope to see you all there.

Clyde





# Western Whitewater Association "Rapids"

#### **PURPOSE**

- To stimulate and advance the general welfare and safety of boating.
- To serve the interests of recreation water users.
- To defend against discriminatory legislation, regulations and burdensome taxation.
- To develop a fraternal spirit among all recreational water users.
- To provide a medium for the exchange of boating information.
- To own or lease property for the Association users.
- To perform all desirable and lawful functions for the successful operation of the Association and in the general public's interests

#### CODE OF ETHICS

- I will maintain and enhance the quality of the water upon which I operate.
- I will at all times, drive at speeds as to keep the boat under control.
- I will always respect the rights of other water users.
- I will at all times give down-river traffic the right of way.
- I will leave campgrounds and campsites clean and bring out litter.
- I will get permission and have respect for private property.
- I will give aid to any boatman or water user when in danger.
- I will read the Code of Ethics of the Association and agree to abide by them as an active member and boatman.





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## Calendar of Events

JUNE 8, 2012 Skills Day

SEPT 14, 2013 Confluence Run

OCT 26, 2013 Hammer Creek Run

All dates are subject to change. In the event of a change, we will notify ASAP.

**General Meetings** 

are the second Monday of the Month at Canyon

Creek Restaurant Nampa, ID

## **Internet Addresses**

### Idaho Current Streamflows: (New Address) 5-01

http://water.usgs.gov/id/nwis/current? type=flow&group\_key=NONE&search site no station nm= (enter it once and bookmark it!)

## Idaho Power Streamflow Information: (03-02)

http://www.idahopower.com/h2o/idastream.cfm

#### **Riverflow Information:**

http://www.idwr.state.id.us/planpol/techserv/flows.htm

#### **Addresses and Telephone Numbers**

Salmon River Reservations: Slate Creek Ranger Station: 208-839-2211

Hells Canyon Power Boat Reservations: Pat Wurl: 509-758-0270

General information: 509-758-0616

River & Reservoir Levels: Bureau of Reclamation: 208-334-9134

Bliss Dam Outflows: Idaho Power (Call weekdays only) 208-388-2255